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## REMEMBER OLD TIME CONCERT

Nearly 49 Years Ago Grimsby And District Residents Staged A Patriotic Show To Raise Funds For The Tommies Fighting In South Africa — Many Familiar Names Recalled By Old Program.

(By HOLLIS)

Time Thursday evening, January 25th, 1900. Queen Victoria's long and glorious reign was within a year of its close. The Boer War was in its third year of defeats and reverses for the British. Lord Roberts, already affectionately known as "Boha," had arrived in South Africa two weeks before to take command, with General Lord Kitchener as his chief of staff and it seemed as if the tide had at last begun to turn.

A wave of military enthusiasm arose throughout the Empire which in Grimsby culminated in a Patriotic Concert held in the Town Hall, a pink frame building on Depot Street housing on its ground floor, Grimsby High School. The site is now occupied by the Public Library. The object of the concert was to raise funds to "help the home that Tommy's left behind him."

From the yellowed two-page program, loaned to The Independent by Major H. F. Baker, the concert—all local talent—was developed around a tableau representing Great Britain and Her Colonies, and Soldiers of The Queen. Taking part in the tableau were Mrs. H. F. Baker as Britannia, British Army, Miss Ruby Pettit; British Navy, Misses Dorothy Allen and Ruth Meyer; Scotland, Miss Mary Makepeace; Ireland, Mrs. Denison; Canada, Miss H. Pettit; Native Empire, Mrs. Boies Nelles; Indian Empire, Miss Lillie Allen; New South Wales, Miss Olive Groust; Cape Colony, Miss Andrews (Continued on Page 3)

## PREVENTIVE WORK IS APPROVED BY SOCIETY

Children's Aid Directors Hold Final Meeting Of Year—New Superintendent Is Now On Job.

The board of directors of the Children's Aid Society of St. Catharines and Lincoln County met in the council chambers of the municipal building for their monthly meeting.

It was with a good deal of regret that the board accepted the resignation of Mrs. John Russell, for the past five years associated with the society as assistant superintendent. Mrs. Russell, in return, voiced her appreciation of the co-operation of both board and staff during her period of employ.

Considerable discussion centred about the society's position in regard to its protection or preventive work with families in the district. Miss Payne, a member of the field staff of the society, related in a very informative manner, her work with a particular family in which inadequate housing, poor health and the limited mental capacity of the children all contributed to the instability of the home. It was the unanimous decision of the board that, while there was no evidence of wilful or deliberate neglect of the children by the parents, thus necessitating wardship action, it

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## FIRE LOSSES PROVE GREATEST IN HISTORY

During the year 1948, the greatest loss from the fire fend ever known in the history of the Town of Grimsby and the Township of North Grimsby occurred. January and February were the months that gave Fire Chief Alf. LePage and his brigade the greatest headache, they being the months of the hospital and the Hewson fires.

During the year the fire department answered 29 calls in the town for a total fire loss of \$106,165. Of this amount \$100,000 is attributed to the Hewson fire.

In the township the department answered 25 alarms for a total loss of \$112,500. \$100,000 of this amount being made up by the hospital blaze.

All told the brigade answered 54 calls and the total loss in the town and township amounted to \$218,665 which is a heavy loss for two small municipalities to sustain.

## NEW DEPUTY-REEVE OF NORTH GRIMSBY



Sam Bartlett, Grimsby Beach, who after serving three years on North Grimsby council, has been awarded an acclamation for the Deputy-Reeveship.

## ACCLAMATION IN TOWNSHIP

John Aikens Is Reeve And Sam Bartlett Is Deputy- Reeve — Wray Betts Of Grimsby Beach Is The New Councillor — Marlow And McNiven Returned—Large Number At Nomination.

With the retirement of Malcolm Nelles as Reeve of North Grimsby Township, John Aikens, whose ambition it has been to lead this organization for some years, was placed at the head of council for the 1949 term. The former Deputy-Reeve received the step up by acclamation. Also filled by acclamation was the vacant Deputy-Reeve's chair, this office now being held down by former Councillor Samuel G. Bartlett.

When nomination had closed at one o'clock on Monday afternoon, a well filled council chamber heard Clerk Gordon Metcalfe name five men to fill the four seats for the Township Council. Lewis McNiven qualified for his fourth term, while Peter Marlow, who filled the gap left by the death of William Mitchell late in 1948, also stated that he would stand for council. A strong delegation from Grimsby (Continued on Page 7)

## VOLUNTEER FIREMAN FOR OVER 55 YEARS

William Brown-Smith Came To Grimsby 65 Years Ago— Could Tell Many Incidents Of Olden Days.

William B. Smith, for 55 years connected with the Grimsby volunteer fire department, and former Grimsby waterworks superintendent, died on Friday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Pettit, at Wilsonville. Born in England 75 years ago, he had lived at Grimsby for 65 years before moving to Wilsonville, recently. He had been an employee of the waterworks for over a quarter of a century when he resigned through illness in January, 1943.

When he first came to Grimsby, of this old Grimsby volunteer Hook and Ladder Company in 1887, water to fight fires was pumped from wells along the street and the equipment consisted of a hand pump, called the fire engine, and a hook and ladder outfit. During his time in Grimsby he saw the town's waterworks system brought up to its present high standard, and the fire department's equipment change from the old hand pump to the modern fire trucks of to-day. For 35 years he was an honorary member. He was chief of the old brigade for many years.

When he first came to Grimsby, he often recalled, there were only a couple of stores on what is now the main street, and many of the town's fine residential streets of to-day were bushland then.

He was a member of Union Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A.M., of Grimsby, and of Hindoo Koosh Grotto, of Hamilton. Surviving, besides his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Pettit, is a step-sister, Mrs. Effie Clausen, of Hartford, Conn., and two grand-children, Miss Willa Pettit, R.N., Hamilton General Hospital, and Donald Pettit O.A.C., Guelph. Funeral service was held in Grimsby Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Queen's Lawn Cemetery.

## VOTING INFORMATION

There is no election in North Grimsby township.

In Grimsby the polls open at nine o'clock in the morning and close at six o'clock in the evening.

Polling booths in Grimsby are situated in the office of the Peninsula Lumber and Supply, Clarke street, for the North Ward.

In the centre ward polling booths are located in the old Trinity Hall, Depot street.

For the South Ward the polling booths are located in the Baptist Sunday School, Elm street.

Next Monday is election day. Do not forget that there is a bylaw to be voted upon.

All information pertaining to the election will be obtainable from the News Room of The Independent just as fast as it is possible to secure the results from each ward.

Vote how you please, BUT VOTE.

## CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



Councillor Clarence W. Lewis, pictured above, a candidate for the Chief Magistrate's position of the Town of Grimsby. Councillor Lewis has had previous council experience and has also served as Reeve of Grimsby. He has been a member of the Masonic Order for a great many years and has passed through all the offices right up to District-Deputy Grand Master. He was born in Bartonville but has been a resident of Grimsby and North Grimsby for over a quarter of a century. He is the Canadian distributor for the Hardie Spraying machines and other farm equipment.

## TWO IN FIELD FOR MAYORALTY

Mayor Bull And Councillor Clarence W. Lewis Will Fight It Out For Chief Magistrate's Seat — Hydro Water Commission And B. Of E. Members Returned By Acclamation — People To Vote On Bylaw.

### HERE'S THE FIELD

For Mayor  
Henry Bull  
Clarence W. Lewis  
Reeve  
A. C. Price (Accl.)  
Deputy-Reeve  
A. A. Constable (Accl.)  
For Council  
Frank H. Anderson  
James Braid  
Cecil M. Bonham  
Keith Brown  
Walter Grossmith  
William Lothian  
Douglas E. Scott  
(Seven in the field. Six to be elected.)  
Board of Education  
Mrs. Ada Bromley  
T. L. Dymond  
Wm. Hewson  
R. B. Johnson  
(All members elected by acclamation.)  
Hydro Commission  
James I. Theal (Accl.)  
Water Commission  
Herbert L. Lindensmith (Accl.)

The best and biggest nomination meeting held in Grimsby in five years was held on Monday night. Apparently the ratepayers have decided to take more interest in town affairs, or possibly it was caused by the changing of the hours for holding nomination from noon time to the evening, in any event the Council Chambers were filled with taxpayers to hear the reports of their elected members to the various town boards.

James I. Theal was returned by acclamation to the Hydro Commission and Herbert L. Lindensmith was returned to the Water Commission. Victor Catton retired from the Board of Education and his place was filled by acclamation by ex-councillor Robert Johnson. The other three old members of the board were returned.

All told, Clerk G. G. Bourne had 15 positions to fill; nine on the council; four on the board of Education and one each on each of the commission bodies. He received all told 40 nominations for the various positions which is something that has not happened in a long time.

There definitely will be an election as Mayor Bull is again seeking office and he is being opposed by Councillor Clarence W. Lewis. There is also the bylaw to be voted upon, which if carried by the ratepayers will next election time reduce the size of the council from nine members to seven members. This bylaw should be carried unanimously by the ratepayers.

After nominations closed Asst.-Clerk Fred Jewson was made chairman of the meeting and he

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## ST CATHARINES NERVE CENTRE OF HYDRO POWER CONVERSION

### ALL RECORDS BROKEN AT THE POST OFFICE

Over 125,000 Letters And 500 Bags Of Parcels Shipped Out During Christmas Rush

The Grimsby Post Office staff wish to thank the citizens of Grimsby and District for their kind co-operation during the Christmas rush period. The fact that on the whole the public mailed early and tied their letters in bundles and adhered to the dates set for parcel post enabled the staff to have each day's work cleared up before leaving for the day.

This was the biggest year in its history.

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St. Catharines is to be the nerve centre for conversion of all consumer electrical equipment in the Southern Ontario system from 25 to 60-cycle frequency and operations are expected to commence on January 3, it was learned last Thursday.

This disclosure followed an announcement by Hydro Chairman Robert Saunders that Canadian Comstock Co. Ltd., Toronto, had been engaged to undertake the initial work in the \$100,000,000 conversion project which will eliminate the flicker from lights in Toronto and the Niagara district and will match the system with that prevailing elsewhere in Ontario and most of the continent.

Canadian Comstock, largest electrical contracting firm in Canada, (Continued on Page 3)



Many things happen in a short space of time. The above group photo was taken in the East Room of The Village on the evening of April 21st, 1948. The occasion was the testimonial dinner given by the North Grimsby council to their retiring Clerk and Treasurer, the late Thomas W. Allan. The total age of the gentlemen was 419 years. Seated in front is the late Thomas W. Allan 82; the late Thos. W. Allan 86; standing at the rear, left to right are C. W. Wm. Mitchell 82; the late Thos. W. Allan 86; standing at the rear, left to right are C. W. Wm. Mitchell 82; Wm. Geddes and Egbert Smith 87. In that short span of eight months three of these men have passed in the persons of Messrs. Mitchell, Carpenter and Allan.



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## FACTS &amp; FANCIES

Frank Fairborn, Jr.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

For readers who are newspapermen is printed this favorite Christmas story. It deals with the editor who found himself working Christmas Day on the edition for the following morning. Summoning one of the reporters he said:

"Evans, get me a good story on how people spend Christmas. A real sentimental story on what the less fortunate are having for Christmas dinner. Go down to the mission and see what the poor old men are going to eat. Then drop around to the orphanage and ask if the little tykes are getting any turkey."

"After that try the YMCA hostel. I'll bet they don't get turkey and cranberry sauce. Yeah, you might look in at the Old People's Home and do a bit on their dinner too."

"That's all, but make it good. Make our readers glad they are fortunate enough to have Christmas turkey at home. And Evans, on your way back drop in at Mike's and get me a ham sandwich and a pot of black coffee."

## CHRISTMAS GIFT

Aunt Maggie, who made the best pumpkin pie in the county, was justifiably proud of her children. Life on the farm hadn't been easy. But now the last of them, a girl, was a city schoolteacher. Out of her first savings she had given her mother a fur coat, the one and only fur coat in the life of the champion pie-maker.

Great as was her pride in her coat, she was prouder of the fact that the baby had made such a handsome. Christmas gift out of her very own savings. She was merely bewildered by the suggestion that only through the prices which farmers paid for goods produced in cities, could the city pay such good wages to its teachers that a generous daughter could make such a gift as a fur coat.

And city folk will become equally bewildered when they find that farmers and other outside customers no longer can pay the prices for goods produced in cities. Present rigidity of factory costs is the greatest threat to continued prosperity.

## CHRISTMAS EDITION

Christmas editions appear to have gone out of fashion. Yet there was a time when The Christmas Globe was as much of an institution as reading A Christmas Carol. Those were the days when there were illustrations of the new town hall or the Methodist Church, and before either Hollywood or the bathing beaches produced much in the way of cheesecake.

On a town weekly, the problem always was to get the edition out far enough in advance of Christmas to do the advertisers some good. The Monoline (the most capricious contrivance ever to try the souls of printers) was apt to break down, and even when the half-tones came from the engravers there was the business of make-ready on a press that ordinarily didn't print pictures.

Before that there was the business of getting the pictures. Graflexes were new gadgets restricted to big city papers. The local photographer didn't care much about setting up his tripod outdoors in his busy season in the studio. So the camera was likely to be a 3-A Kodak (postcard size to you). An action picture was rare and sharp focus rarer.

Selling the ads was no mean feat either. It seemed in those days that few merchants had money to throw away on advertising, as one discouraged salesman quaintly phrased it. And those who did were apt to want it taken out in trade. This restricted Christmas giving in the publisher's family, but perhaps not more so than in wartime, when Santa of necessity is a bit ersatz.

Somewhat, the Christmas edition always came out, before Christmas. And somehow it netted a bit of profit, perhaps as much as that accruing to a farmer who cuts firewood from his own land. There are sound reasons why the Christmas edition is a rarity.

Never spare the parson's wine, nor the baker's pudding.

## LOGGERS TRIM OFF FRILLS

The high adventure is gone from lumberjacking in the Canadian woods.

Lumberjacking is strictly "big business" today. In a world starved for paper, the Canadian pulp and paper industry has become one of the major industrial enterprises in the world.

To feed this colossus, today's forests are shorn by power saws, bulldozers, tractors, and crews of highly trained experts working on schedules drawn up by efficiency experts. They have replaced the big, toughmen whose colorful garb brightened the Canadian hinterland only two decades ago.

These were the river drivers, whose breakfasts consisted of bacon and eggs, toast, pancakes, raisin pie with corn syrup, and fruit cake. Present-day lumberjacks, while no sissies, content themselves with bacon and eggs. They also are much better paid than their predecessors. The annual payroll—\$250,000,000—is the largest for any single industry in Canada.

The real boom in the Canadian lumber woods dates from 1935, and production has been soaring since, except for the war years, when shortage of men lowered the output. Record quantities of newsprint were turned out in 1946 and 1947, and new marks will be set this year.

Last year to meet the unprecedented world demand for newsprint, the Canadian industry actually produced 4,447,000 short tons of it, although its rated capacity was only 4,350,000 tons.

A new booklet published by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, of Montreal, tells the story of the industry's amazing growth in the last 15 years. Sample details:

In newsprint paper, Canada has a production five times that of any other country. Canada provides three of every five newspaper pages printed in the world.

## WOMEN ARE SMUGGLERS

In this era when skirts and cloaks and sloppy joes make a debutante look like a peripatetic bell tent, there is brought to mind George A. Clark, chief landing waiter at an important Canadian port (Inland). George A. didn't think people lied, much, and when ladies told him their parcels came from Mr. S. H. Knox's five-and-ten in the wicked city across the river, his curiosity seemed satisfied; though the twinkle in his eye deepened year by year and he went to his grave not so long ago with his real opinion of the veracity of people, especially ladies doing a bit of honest smuggling, undisclosed to the public.

(All this, dear children, was a generation before Mr. Abbott made it a crime to bring even a bag of peanuts across the border without a peanut-importing permit).

The foregoing is not to say George A.

neglected his duty. Those eyes with the twinkle were keen and didn't miss much, either by way of slackness in subordinates or brazen or guileful attempts at smuggling on an excessive (i.e. wholesale) scale.

One instance of unbending official sternness was The Case of the Copper Wash-Boiler. It was along about Christmas when the afternoon train headed up the B & G line came a little late and wheezy across the bridge. It seemed to George A. that despite the fact that skirt hems were street sweepers the two ladies in one-seat of the second day coach looked mighty peculiar from the knees down.

He was too much of a gentleman to see for himself. The soul of politeness, he asked the ladies if they would mind stepping into the aisle. They would mind, very much, and moreover His Majesty's revenooer was mean to suggest they should move. They had no parcels, and hence, they argued, it was none of his business to ask them to move.

"But, ladies," he argued gently. "I deem it my duty to ask you to move. In fact, I am empowered to keep you here until I can send for a lady searcher, which may take a day or two." (In these times Mr. Abbott has a lady searcher in every port).

"No, we won't move," said the ladies. John R. Dowd, a fearless policeman, came along just then. He, too, expostulated, but to no avail. He retreated when the ladies

## A DANGEROUS NEW YEAR'S

(By the late Damon Runyon)

NEW YEAR'S DAY is always a great day back in my old home town out West.

On this day everybody swears off doing something or other, generally drinking, which is very easy for most people to swear off on New Year's Day, because generally they feel so tough from welcoming in the New Year that they never wish to see another drink again as long as they live, or anyway until they feel better.

No town in all America is gladder to see a New Year than my old home town out West, and everybody in town sits up to give it a welcome. When the clock strikes twelve, one and all shake hands with whoever is around, and says Happy New Year whether they mean it or not.

But if any stranger happens to be in my old home town on New Year's Eve he will be surprised at the quiet. In other towns at midnight you hear whistles blowing, and bells ringing and guns going off, but back in my old home town you never hear a sound except maybe people talking.

There is a reason for all this quiet on New Year's Eve back in my old home town which is noisy enough on other nights, and the reason is a law that goes back long before I am born, which makes it a very serious offense to raise any disturbance of any kind on New Year's Eve.

My Grandpap tells me the story one day when I come back from a visit to Denver,

pointed out that he was a mere provincial cop and lacked jurisdiction, if indeed any jurisdiction existed.

George A., meanwhile, had disappeared, the train started and the immovable ladies settled in their seats happily. But the train went only 200 yards, was backed to a side-track, and other passengers were crowded into the other car. George A. came along and informed the ladies they would have to sit there until the lady searcher could be brought from Rouse's Point or wherever. They surrendered.

When they moved, it was revealed that the lady at the window had had her feet firmly in a wash boiler with her skirts (plural) draped around the copper oval. The other lady's skirts were so disposed as to give camouflage at the aisle. It was their unbecoming arrangement that had made suspicious a man whose job it was to be suspicious.

George A., under a government less stern in sumptuary matters than the present regime, was able to let the girls go without having to dip too deeply into husbands' life savings, or even go to jail. But the mail that evening was unusually late, yea even beyond Drumbo.

The so-called New Look that's really the old look might facilitate smuggling today, but the girls now are learning that getting out of the country with cash for buying is an even greater problem than getting back in with, say, a spinet piano in the reticule.

where they raise the dickens as the New Year comes in, and I am complaining that our town is behind the times.

"Son," my Grandpap says, "this town has all that bell ringing, and whistle blowing and shooting business on New Year's Eve long before Denver is ever heard of. Especially," my Grandpap says, "the shooting."

"In fact," my Grandpap says, "it was the shooting part of it the first time we ever welcome in a New Year in these parts, which is the main reason why we never have any more shooting, or other noises, like bells ringing."

"Of course," he says, "times are changed a lot since those days, and the chances are we can go ahead and have all the noise we can make, including shooting, but nobody ever thinks to change the law and maybe she is better the way she lays. Maybe so."

"This is not much of a town when we welcomed in our first New Year," my Grandpap says, "and nobody is even thinking of a New Year being on tap, or of giving it a welcome, when the matter is brought before some of us in the Last Chance saloon the day before by a character by the name of Digger Pete."

"This Digger is a party of not much account, but he is somewhat sentimental about such propositions as New Year's so he says to us like this:

"Gentlemen," Digger Pete says, "the glad New Year is upon us, and it is up to us to welcome her in. It is up to us 'Digger Pete says, 'to sit up all night tonight and make plenty of noise and maybe drink a toast to this New Year."

"Well, nobody sees any objection to this," my Grandpap says, "because we will all be sitting up all night anyway and drinking, although Joe McGurk has a long argument with Digger Pete about it being New Year's, Joe claiming New Year's always has more snow on the ground."

"But Digger Pete shows everybody where it is just so many days since Sam Hall gets the Christmas card from back East, and how it must be New Year's, so everybody is satisfied, especially as everybody feels that it is a good thing to have an extra excuse for sitting up all night and drinking toasts."

"We sit up in the Last Chance part of the night and we sit up in the old Tub o' Blood part of the night, and promptly at twelve o'clock by Sam Hall's watch we go bolting out into the street with cowbells and six shooters and start whooping things up."

"We certainly make enough noise to satisfy anybody who likes to see the New Year get a nice welcome, even Digger Pete, although poor old Digger Pete never hears it, because by the time this comes off he is sound asleep behind the Last Chance Bar from drinking too many toasts."

"But what happens?" my Grandpap asks. "Well, sir, when the noise dies out, and people start looking around, there are three dead Mexicans in different places, and four citizens badly wounded. Furthermore, there are two bullet holes through my Stetson hat, which do not look accidental."

"Well, now," my Grandpap says, "there is not a citizen in this town in those days who cannot hit a silver dollar at fifty yards with a six-shooter, drunk or sober, so it is not in nature that there can be so much careless shooting as all this."

"So the next day some of us get together and pass the law that still stands in this town that there can be no shooting or other disturbance whatever on New Year's Eve, because when scoundrels try to take advantage of a celebration to settle old grudges it is time to quit."

"But," I ask my Grandpap, "what does the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells have to do with the shooting? Why not stand for them?"

"Well, of course, we do not have whistles in those days," my Grandpap says, "but maybe I forget to state that some rascal with no sense of honor, hits Sam Hall on the head with a cowbell and almost knocks Sam's brains plumb out."

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Another danger about holding a little grudge against another is that the darn thing gets bigger.

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The method prescribed for creating the Fund is the collection of a special fee, when required, from each person to whom is issued either an operator's or a chauffeur's license.

Although to date no fees have been collected from those operating motor vehicles, the legislation has been in effect since the 1st of July, 1947, and many judgments have been paid by the Department pending the creation of the Fund.

Effective with the issue of 1949 motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' licenses, an additional fee of 50 cents (50c) will be collected from each person to whom is issued a 1949 license, which fee will be known as the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund fee and will be set aside solely for the purpose of creating the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund.

This is not an annual fee and no further fee will be collected from motor vehicle drivers for this purpose until the Fund is exhausted or so nearly so as to indicate that there is not sufficient in the Fund to pay judgments for a period of at least one year.

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Thursday, Dec. 30th, 1948.

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Between 1665-  
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grown to 113,111 inhabi-  
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hope of the new life in their  
hearts, soon brought  
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## CONTINUATIONS

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## VENERABLE OFFICIAL

Mr. Allan rested at the home of  
his niece, Miss Margaret Allan, 66  
Main Street East, Grimsby, where  
funeral services were held on Tues-  
day afternoon at 2 o'clock. Inter-  
ment was made in Fifty Cemetery,  
Winona.

Archdeacon Scoll conducted the  
service, and interment was made in  
the Fifty Cemetery.

Palbearers were Malcolm Nel-  
son, John Aikens, Gordon Metcalfe  
of Grimsby; Harold Lake and Earl  
Kenny, of Winona.

## ALL RECORDS BROKE

history of the Grimsby Post Office  
and required many hours of late  
work to keep abreast of the deluge  
of letters and parcels.  
Some 125,000 letters with some  
500 bags of parcels were despatched  
from the Grimsby Post Office.  
The amount is far in excess of any  
year yet recorded and shows that  
the Town of Grimsby is growing  
every year.

While the staff did not have the  
opportunity to wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas we wish to ex-  
tend, through the columns of The  
Independent, a Happy and Pros-  
perous New Year to all our pat-  
rons.

## PREVENTIVE WORK

would be in the best interests of  
the children for the Children's Aid  
Society to continue acting in a  
supportive role. By continuing its  
efforts to counsel and to assist the  
family in working out their prob-  
lems, it was felt that the society  
might be able to stave off a pos-  
sible break up of the home and the  
costly task of maintaining children  
in pay or boarding home care.

Mr. Jack Finlay, as Mr. Richard-  
son's successor as superintendent,  
expressed his appreciation to the  
board for providing him with the  
opportunity of serving the com-  
munity in the interests of child  
and family life. He also paid spe-  
cial tribute to the splendid work  
done by Mr. Richardson during his  
term of service with the society.

Mr. Roy V. Wining, secretary-  
treasurer, presented correspondence  
from His Honor Judge J. G. S.  
Stanbury in which Mr. Finlay was  
named by Judge Stanbury as pro-  
tection officer with the juvenile  
court. This appointment was un-  
animously approved by the board  
of directors.

## REMEMBER OLD

(Beamsville): Cape Mounted Po-  
lice, Major H. F. Baker; Rifle Bri-  
gade, W. H. Humphries; Tommy  
Atkins, H. F. Vidal. The Soldiers  
of the Queen were Misses Grace  
Hagar, Florence Woolverton, Lena  
Mariatt, Flora Willoughby, Grace  
Vahey, Gusave Vahey, Blanche Ran-  
dall, Miss Fairbrother.

Opening with God Save the  
Queen, the concert got under way  
with the singing of Rule Britannia  
by Mr. A. E. Kimmins, (Winona)  
and chorus. Miss Harriet Pettit  
followed with a reading, "Boys,"  
by Rudyard Kipling. Then came a  
song by Mr. G. H. Hornbrook,  
himself a veteran of the war, Sol-  
diers of the Queen. A Miss Smith  
(finally identified as Miss Clara  
Smith, Winona, a sister of Mr.  
Egbert Smith), sang "Her Maj-  
esty."

Rev. John Muir, minister of St.  
John's Presbyterian Church, gave  
an address; and Mr. G. W. Meyer,  
the village lawyer, favoured with  
the song, "Who Carries the Gun?"  
by Conan Doyle. Kipling's poem  
"The Absent-Minded Beggar," set  
to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan,  
was sung by Mrs. F. M. Unwin.

Next on the program was A  
Camp Scene Tableau with Quartet  
—The Soldiers Farewell—in which  
Messrs. Unwin, Kimmins, Harrison  
(the High School principal) and  
Meyers took part. Capping this  
came Mr. Kimmins singing Boys of  
the Old Brigade.

A dialogue entitled John Bull and  
Kruger, between Messrs. Vidal and  
Rhodes, brought the entertainment  
to a close, and the National An-  
them was again sung.

Kipling's verses, The Absent-  
Minded Beggar with their appeal  
for "the girl that Tommy's left be-  
hind him" fill the second page of  
the programme—printed no doubt  
by The Independent.

## ST. CATHARINES

ing 70,000 square feet of  
space in the St. Catharines  
floor products Ltd. plant on Vine  
Street. This space, about half of the  
street space in the huge plant  
available during the war, will be the  
barristers for changing fre-  
quency on equipment.

Mr. Bernard, general manager  
of St. Catharines Steel Products,  
made the announcement Thursday  
morning. He said that the work  
would be under the Canadian Com-  
stock Co. Ltd. Frequency Conver-  
sion Division. The engineering, of-  
fice and accounting staffs will be  
located in St. Catharines.

Mr. Bernard said that the lease  
comes into effect January 1, and  
certain engineers would move into  
the plant on January 3, prepara-  
tory to starting operations.

The entire project is being direct-  
ed from Toronto by Hydro engi-

neer Harry Leeming.  
It is not known yet how many  
people will be employed in the new  
undertaking, but Mr. Bernard esti-  
mated that it would take "quite a  
few."

The plant will also operate for  
some time as a training school for  
the men who are actually going to  
carry out the conversion work on  
domestic, commercial and indus-  
trial electrical equipment.

While the vast work involved in  
conversion is going on in the plant,  
the St. Catharines Steel Products  
Ltd. will continue to operate in its  
section of the premises.

Giving the work to Canadian  
Comstock is viewed by Hydro of-  
ficials as a measure to speed up the  
work of converting the Southern  
Ontario system to 60-cycle fre-  
quency. Preliminary surveys have  
already been started in Scarboro,  
Sarnia, London and a section of  
Hamilton which has 66 2-3 fre-  
quency. Conversion means that all  
electric motors in household com-  
mercial and industrial equipment  
have to be converted to the new  
frequency, and is regarded by engi-  
neers who have studied it for years  
as a "staggering" job.

Mr. Saunders said that the com-  
mission was doing everything in its  
power to accelerate the mammoth  
change-over. In addition to con-  
verting equipment, the plan calls  
for construction of new power  
plants, transmission lines and other  
facilities, to provide an adequate  
supply of power.

## NEW RESOLUTIONS

road then turn across the traffic.  
Most motorists do not use any sig-  
nals, and only a few signal prop-  
erly. If proper signals were used  
many crashes could be avoided.  
This coming year let every motor-  
ist resolve to drive safely, obey the  
golden rule, and signal when mak-  
ing a turn, coming to a stop or  
turning into the traffic.

Pedestrians too, should remem-  
ber that they must obey the traf-  
fic rules including the lights as  
many people still rush across the  
street when the red light is show-  
ing. This is not only dangerous for  
themselves but for the motorist,  
too. So let all pedestrians this year  
resolve to walk in a safe manner  
and obey the traffic signals. Those  
riding bicycles must remember that  
they, too, should obey the signals,  
and must not cross against the red  
light.

In some of the states to the  
south of us the signal lights have  
been considerably changed. On the  
amber light pedestrians may cross  
the intersection either way as this  
light is marked WALK and motor-  
cars are not allowed to move.  
When the green light is on motor-  
ists may move forward and turn  
either right or left as no pedes-  
trians are going across. When the  
red light shows neither motor nor  
pedestrian traffic is allowed. I  
know of no Canadian municipality  
which has adapted this modern  
way of handling traffic which does  
away with most of the confusion  
we see in our municipalities. It is  
amazing to see how quietly, how  
safely, and how easily traffic can  
be handled in this way.

In thinking of traffic regulations  
it would appear that bicyclists are  
the worst offenders as practically  
never do they obey traffic rules.  
Few people riding a bicycle ever  
signal which way they are going to  
turn and there are very few that  
do not sneak right through against  
the red signal. Bicyclists must  
learn to ride close to the curb in  
single file instead of being spread  
out all over the road the way we  
find them now. Often those riding  
bicycles pass a motor car on the  
wrong side so this year those on  
bicycles should resolve to ride safe-  
ly and obey traffic lights. In mak-  
ing your New Year's resolutions  
for 1949, be sure that you include  
those which will make Lincoln  
County a safer place to live, and in  
closing may I on behalf of the St.  
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wish you and yours a very happy,  
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of being swept off her feet by a  
bold pirate and who finds her hero  
in the person of a debonair stroll-  
ing player. Its locale is the Carib-  
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nents for the singing and dancing  
talents of Judy Garland and Gene  
Kelly who top everything they  
have done before in their careers.  
Judy Garland, stunningly photo-  
graphed in a magnificent array of  
Spanish-type costumes, handles her  
acting and singing with sureness  
and spontaneity and finds an able  
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PLEASE—EVERYONE GET OUT AND VOTE  
VOTE AS YOU WISH—BUT VOTE

Happy New Year To All!

HENRY BULL



# Social Events — Personals — Organizations — Club Activities

John and Mrs. Stadelmeier left on Tuesday afternoon for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hopkins spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. LaPointe, Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Henderson spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Winning, Hanover.

Mrs. Mary Robinson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Morley F. Robinson, and family, Mount Hamilton.

Miss Ruth Manning, who is attending Victoria College, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Manning, St. Andrew's Ave.

Mrs. Leo Daoust has been in Sudbury attending the funeral of her only brother, Clarence McGaughey, who died Dec. 23rd.

Douglas McAlonen and Miss Anne Donaldson from Toronto, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. McAlonen, Robinson St. S.

Jack Christie of Guelph, a former well known Grimsby boy, spent the Christmas weekend with Dr. J. V. Christie and family, Elizabeth St.

Garry Kemp, student at McGill University, is spending the holiday week with his parents, Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Fred Kemp, Main Street East.

Miss Allison Jeffries, a student at Victoria College is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jeffries, Main St. West.

## PLUMP GIRLS ARE NICE



By PRUNELLA WOOD

The only time to be fat and happy is while you are a baby, and while you are engaged in the exciting business of growing up. Today's butterball is usually tomorrow's prettiest junior deb, with the best chance of coming out well developed and serenely dispositioned.

Meanwhile, dress the chubby girl in frocks which acknowledge that she is healthy and youthfully cushioned... let trend fashions come later when the sylphing out process has begun. The plaid gingham on the pigtail Miss Muffin here is such a dress, made in half-sizes just for her, and no tent disguise, either. White trim is pique, and the whole, trim little model is a washable, becoming style venture.—Lane Bryant.

reception for the immediate family was held at the Village Inn, Grimsby. Following their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will reside in Stoney Creek.



Dec. 22—To Mr. and Mrs. B. High, Beamsville, a daughter.  
Dec. 25—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Adams, Beamsville, a daughter.  
Dec. 25—To Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Milmine, Grimsby Beach, a daughter.

## Obituary

### PAUL HENRY RUZYCKI

The funeral was held from Stonehouse Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, of Paul Henry Ruzyski, 10 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ruzyski, 30 Depot St., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pryhlik, Ontario St. Service was conducted by the Basilian Fathers, with interment in Queen's Lawn Cemetery.

### MISS ANNETTE KEELER

The death occurred at the O'Brien Nursing Home on Wednesday Dec. 15th, of Miss Annette Keeler, of Prescott, Ontario. Funeral services and interment were made at Prescott on December 17. She has survived by three sisters, Mrs. John Hawkins, St. Andrew's Ave., Miss Keeler and Mrs. Alex Whyte.

### MRS. CHARLES SMITH

Funeral services were held from the Stonehouse Funeral Home on Saturday, December 18th, for Mary Christina (Tina) Smith, wife of Charles E. Smith, Ridge Road, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital on Dec. 15th. The family had resided here since 1921. Survivors are her husband, a daughter Mrs. W. Dodds, Toronto; two sons, Hubert and James, two sisters Mrs. W. P. Wright and Miss K. MacLean, all of Toronto, and a brother John K. MacLean of Calgary.

Services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Griffith, and the pallbearers were John Aikens, Douglas Udell, Ronald Moyer, Stanley Gilling, Robert Bourne and Chas. Kilpatrick.

### MRS. ARTHUR HEWSON

A life long resident of Grimsby passed away on Friday morning last in Hamilton General hospital, after a very lengthy illness.

Born Jessie Ann Wiley she had attended Grimsby schools and during her long life made and kept many friends in the town and district. Her husband ex-Mayor Arthur Hewson predeceased her last February.

She was a member of Trinity United Church.

Surviving are one son, Wm. A. Hewson of Grimsby, and a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Robinson of Hamilton.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of her son on Monday afternoon with Rev. A. L. Griffith officiating. Interment was in Queen's Lawn cemetery.

The pallbearers were James Dodds, Norman Walker and Albert Brooks, of Hamilton; Alex Scott, Fred Marsh and Edward Norton of Grimsby.

## Card of Thanks

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KING OSCAR SARDINES	TIN	26c
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CHATEAU VELVEETA CHEESE	1/2-1/2. PKG.	29c
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MACKINTOSH APPLES, No. 1	Bsk. 72c
ICEBERG LETTUCE	2 heads 27c
ONIONS, Canada No. 1	6 lbs. 24c
P.E.I. POTATOES, Canada No. 1	10 lbs. 27c
BANANAS	lb. 16c

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FARM FRESH CHICKENS	55c lb.
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TENDER FRESH PICNICS	45c lb.
MEAT BLADE ROASTS	55c lb.
SLICED SIDE BACON	63c lb.
TASTY LOINS FRESH FILLETS	35c lb.

## Trinity United Church

Rev. A. L. Griffith, B.A., Minister

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Junior Congregation. Sermon: "A QUESTION OF PRIORITY."

2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.

2.30 p.m.—Trinity Youth Fellowship.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Sermon: "THAT'S CHRISTIANITY!"

## St. John's Church Presbyterian

Rev. J. P. McLeod, Minister

SUNDAY, JAN. 2nd

10 a.m.: Sunday School. Movie Film.

11 a.m.: Blessing or Curse

7 p.m.: "Back in the Game."

## St. Andrew's Church

(Diocese of Niagara)  
Rector: Rev'd E. A. Brooks, M.A., Tel. 549.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd

2nd Sunday After Christmas

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon—the Rector

2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.

4.00 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

It is better to light a candle, than to curse the darkness.

## In Memoriam

WADGE—In loving memory of our dear "Dad" who passed from this life Dec. 31st, 1945. —Keith Brown and family.

## Vinemount News

The New Year's Eve Women's Institute Euchre and Dance will be held in the W.I. Hall, Vinemount, Friday evening, Dec. 31st, at 8 o'clock sharp; dancing 10.15, with a good orchestra.

## BIRTHS

MILMINE—At West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, December 25th, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Milmine, a daughter (Joyce Lett).

## Baptist Church

Rev. Geo. A. McLean, B.A., Minister

NEW YEAR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd

11.00 a.m.—Communion Service. Pre Communion Meditation. "THE CROSS FOR OUR LIVES."

7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. Song Service and short sermon, "ABRAHAM AND SODOM."

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5th  
8.00 p.m.—Discussion Fellowship Meeting. Important business session at close.

## GOSPEL HALL

Adelaide St., Grimsby

## LORD'S DAY

Breaking of Bread - 11 a.m.

Gospel Meeting - 7 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Reading, 8 p.m.

— All Welcome —

## Baptist Church

Sunday, January 2nd, will be New Year's Sunday in the Baptist Church.

The morning service will be the first Communion Service for the new year. The subject for the pre Communion Meditation will be "The Cross For Our Lives." This is the first of two studies on "The Cross," a subject that is too frequently and sadly neglected or ignored in these days.

The second of these studies will be entitled "The Cross in Our Lives," and will be presented on Sunday morning, January 9th.

It is especially requested that the membership of the church and congregation make a special attempt to be present for this New Year's Communion Service.

On Wednesday evening after the regular meeting a business session will be held to decide on and arrange for the annual supper and business meeting, to appoint a Nominating Committee, who will suggest a slate of officers and committees for the coming year and to attend to other important matters of business.

A large attendance at this meeting is also requested.

## HIGH SCHOOL AT HOME

With the smooth stylings of Ron Wicken and his sweet-smooth band providing the musical background for the annual At Home of G.H.S. a gay crowd of pre-Christmas dancers enjoyed one of the most successful events of this season and in the estimation of many, past seasons also.

The auditorium, which has been made resplendent on many occasions, was certainly a sight to behold, and the committee in charge of decorating are to be complimented for the artistic and delightful manner in which the hall was bedecked for the formal dance of the year.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ALWAY SCHOOL

The pupils of Alway school presented a fine programme under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. Wm. Morrison, at the school on Dec. 22. The chairman was C. Ryckman. The programme opened with choruses by the school accompanied by Mrs. D. MacIntosh. Dialogues, dances, recitations, a 30-minute play and a puppet show were other entertaining features of the programme.

At the conclusion Santa Claus arrived to distribute the gifts from the beautifully lighted tree. Santa's helpers were Mitchell Williams, Jim Walker, Raymond Thomas and Davis Mooradian.

## Nuptials



### NELSON—WARNER

St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Monday evening, December 27, when Lillian May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warner, Beamsville, became the bride of Gordon Nelson, son of Mrs. and the late W. A. Nelson, Stoney Creek. Dr. G. F. Scovill officiated and the attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lounsbury, of Smithville. A

## Millyard's QUESTION BIRD



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## CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM MERRIE ENGLAND

On the 22nd of December the following telegram was received by Mayor Henry Bull, from the

Mayor of Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England:  
"Christmas Greetings and Every Good Wish for the New Year."  
Mayor Bull and Clerk Bourne made suitable reply to this festive message from our English cousins.

## CARD OF THANKS

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Your support and vote will be appreciated.

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## A Happy New Year to You



Joan Vols, young screen starlet, makes a pretty picture as she brings New Year greetings to one and all.

## GOINGS — COMINGS — DOINGS

### Grimsby Beach

MISS MAY CRITTENDEN,  
Resident Staff Correspondent.  
Telephone Your News Items To Her.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gillespie on Park Road, had a complete family reunion including their two baby grandsons during the Christmas season.

Mr. John Schott of Timagami, spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schott, Park Road.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Robson, Central Ave., spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Beckstead and Sandy of Merlin, spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Charles Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Q'Part, Central Ave., spent Christmas week in Toronto with their son and daughter-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Marlowe, Margaret and Keith of Hamilton, spent the Christmas weekend at the home of Mrs. A. Henry, Park Rd.

Miss Helen Wood of Jerseyville, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schott.

Mrs. D. A. Dealing of Toronto, spent Christmas week at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lonsway.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Fralick, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend at the home of Mr. George Jarrett, Park Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunter, Hanover, spent the weekend at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunter, Central Ave.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGee for the Christmas holidays were Mrs. McVicar and Joan of Niagara Falls and Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Fyffe and family of Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Flewelling and Ruth spent the Christmas holiday visiting friends in Windsor.

Miss Bertha Grobb, St. Thomas, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grobb, Central Ave.

Mrs. Alex Joss is spending the holidays in Toronto, to be with her husband, who is in Sunnybrook hospital.

**SCHOOL CONCERT**  
The Grimsby Park School Christmas Concert was held Tuesday evening, December 21st, and was very much enjoyed by all present. It consisted of plays and musical numbers from all the grades and in all was a credit to the teachers who must have spent many hours coaching the pupils.

The senior choir was specialized this year and the applause from the audience showed that their numbers were appreciated.

8. Silver Band, Grades 5, 6.
- (a) School Days.
- (b) Buttons and Bows.
9. The Teddy Bears Grades 1, 2.
10. Play, David Copperfield, Grades 7, 8.
11. Senior Choir, Grades 5, 6, 7.
- 8.
- (a) Now on Land and Sea.
- (b) O Little Town of Bethlehem.
- (c) The Song the Angels Sang.

## Card of Thanks

The employees of the Town of Grimsby, on the garbage collection, wish to thank the great many citizens who so kindly remembered them with gifts at Christmas time.

## LEGION JOTTINGS

WEST LINCOLN BRANCH,  
No. 127

A Very Happy New Year! This is to everyone, but especially it is wished for the Branch and its future. The motto must be "Bigger and Better."

I would like to quote Canon Scott's immortal lines, which should appeal to us all and give us food for thought

and action:  
We who have trod the borderlands of death,  
Where courage high walks hand in hand with fear,  
Shall we not hearken what the Spirit saith:  
"All ye were brothers there, be brothers here?"

Let us grow closer in these narrower years,  
Before us still the eternal visions spread:  
We who outmastered death and all its fears  
Are one great army still, living and Dead.

From January 1st to September 30th, 1948, the Legion Bureau won a total of 598 pension claims and \$208,275.71 has been paid to the successful claimants in Retroactive Pensions alone, while future payments of pension for life continues, as well as the right to receive medical treatment and hospitalization. Of these, 72 of the claims were for World War I veterans and dependants, while 526 were for World War II veterans. 388 of these were for the Army, 86 in the R.C.A.F. and 52 for Naval personnel. In addition, some 48 claims for War Veterans Allowance, Medical treatment, etc., were established with the payment of \$12,830.49.

No one can ever evaluate the happiness which our Legion has brought to thousands of veterans of both Wars, nor the comfort which future security has meant to disabled veterans and their dependants, by virtue of our Service Bureau and Legislative work.

**Coming Legion Events**  
Zone Meeting, Monday, January 10th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Legion Club, Thorold. All members should attend as Fraternal Delegates and it is hoped that the Branch will be well represented.  
Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, January 19th, at 8 p.m. Nomination, election and installation of the new officers.

A man has reached middle age when he hopes that it will not take long for him to get adjusted to his bifocals.

## BARBARA ANN NOW, PROFESSIONAL



Barbara Ann Scott, Ottawa skating star who won the world's crown for figure skating, has turned professional and is the star of a current ice show at the Roxy theatre in New York. B.A. is shown here being fitted before one of her performances. Stasia Bennett and Milliner Marcelle are doing the fitting.

## CARD OF THANKS

Employees of the Pittsburg Water Heater Co. would like to thank Mr. Wm. Sterling for the Generous Christmas Gift, and to wish him a Prosperous New Year.

## CARD OF THANKS

The employees of the Grimsby Wines Limited wish to take this opportunity to thank the management for the generous Christmas bonus and to wish the firm a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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May we at this time express our sincere thanks to the management of The Grimsby Stove and Furnace Limited for the generous Christmas bonus and to wish them a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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WEDNESDAY &amp; THURSDAY — JAN. 5-6

**THE LONG NIGHT**

(ADULT)

Henry Fonda - Vincent Price

CARTOON AND SHORT

**SPORTRAYAL**

By "HIGH" Mcgregor

The Grimsby Sterlings Junior "C" squad got a sample of what a cookin' in Junior hockey these days when they took on the Thorold Juveniles in an exhibition til here last Tuesday night. As is continually stressed by exponents of this brand of hockey, it is rough, tough and nasty. Billed this way we presume to entice the people, no one can argue the point. There is a thrill a minute. In this particular Donnybrook, however, the officiating was absolutely the worst anyone had ever witnessed, which of course, made the already rugged battle just about the worst. Who ever the gent was that called himself the referee should do one thing. Drop dead.

Although Thorold who were last year's Junior "C" champs defeated the considerably lighter Sterlings by a four to two score, the Sterling management were satisfied with their young charges, and have now been grouped with Thorold, Dunnville and Simcoe. The schedule gets underway here next Thursday night at eight o'clock (January 6) and the Sterlings will be at home every Thursday from now on until the end of the schedule in February.

Following the bashing fray with Thorold, Coach Warner dropped a couple of his lighter kids, who should never have been considered fine hockey on the Wednesday Min-for Junior hockey, and although the final lineup has not been definitely settled as yet, the following is a list of boys from the district who will be wearing the Sterling colors in the O.H.A. Junior setup.

For goal they have two boys, Normie Bleazard from Beamsville, and a lad from Mount Hope by the name of Lampman. On defense at present are Jim Juras and fifteen year old Jimmy Lawson, both local. Also back on the rear guard is Richie Doucette and a hard-hitting boy from Vineland, Paul Rempie by name.

Three likely prospects for centre

ice are young Ron Murphy from Mount Hope, Bill Sterling from the Beach and Brith, a Stoney Creek product. On the wings there is Doug Christie from Beamsville, Skip Smith, a local, and Dobrindt from Vineland. Normie Robertson from Grimsby, Chaplin from the Creek and Wiamer from Vineland complete the present roster.

The Sterlings are a pretty light team, and how they will stand up against the rugged types from the other towns remain to be seen. Some criticism of the formation of a Junior team here this year has been going the rounds, and this department prefers to "sit on the fence" for the present. Perhaps it is a bit premature for we have not been building up teams for some years. On the other hand, however, a start may as well be made sooner or later. With the greatly appreciated support of Bill Sterling, this young team may find he going rough this year, but given time and the support they so richly deserve they may prove to be a real source of hockey entertainment for fans here this winter.

One thing that is a pleasure to report is that the Junior Peach Belt League, in which the Sterlings also participate is going to go through as scheduled, and already good crowds have witnessed some fine hockey on the Wednesday Min-for Junior hockey. The co-operation of arena officials and the equally fine co-operation of other teams in this area a chance to play well organized hockey, and at the same time provide fast action packed hockey for the people of the district.

**MIKE SWEET MAKES DEBUT AS COACH AS PEACH KINGS WIN**

While only a couple of hundred people were sufficiently interested in watching exhibition hockey between the Peach Kings and the Dunnville Mudcats, over in the Grimsby players box stood one Mike Sweet, who for this great occasion stood alone as the guiding force of the Peach Kings.

Mike's debut as hockey coach most certainly was a stunning success for in sixty minutes of wide open, high scoring hockey, Mike's guys went out with more dash and spirit than they have shown at any time this year and banged in thirteen goals to the Cats' four.

The Grand River town will really have to smarten up, particularly their defense and goalie departments, if they hope to compete with such teams as the Crowland Bisons.

For the Kings it was a good opportunity to turn on the heat, which they did successfully in spots. Features of the effort was the sparkling work of Bunn Glass, who is improving with every game. His solo goal effort was really a thriller and the small crowd gave the flying westerner a nice ovation. Barry Blanchard turned in his best showing as he skated circles around the floundering Cats. Teamed with Howie Duffield, the kids picked up a total of nine points. Red Dodds is gradually finding his way home, and picked up two goals from his centre ice position.

Peach Kings—Goal, Welbourn; Reid, Hann, Glass, Clancy, Hoyle, Dodds, Hutchinson, Duffield, Soutar, Dunham, Blanchard.

Dunnville — Goal, Thompson; Stephens, Cooper, Green, McIvor, Pennell, Tyler, Howe, Vail, Pitts, Long, Semely, Goldrup, Hines, Oldal.

**First Period**  
1. Kings, Hann (Blanchard) 2.30  
2. Kings, Dodds (Reid) 3.18  
3. Kings, Duffield, (Blanchard, Glass) 13.30  
4. Hoyle 16.40  
**Penalties—Reid.**

**Second Period**  
5. Kings, Blanchard (Glass) 2.10  
6. Kings, Hoyle (Reid) 4.45  
7. Kings, Glass 11.50  
8. Dunnville, Tyler 12.05  
9. Kings, Blanchard, (Duffield) 12.20  
10. Dunnville, Cooper (Pitts) 16.30  
11. Dunnville, Green 17.50  
12. Dunnville, Vail 4.30  
13. Kings, Clancy (Glass) 5.01  
14. Kings, Dodds 5.20  
15. Kings, Reid (Blanchard, Glass) 7.14

16. Kings, Blanchard (Duffield) 14.30  
17. Kings, Hutchinson 16.15  
Referee—Jack Miller, Beamsville

**JUNIOR SCORES**

Last week's scores in the Junior Peach Belt saw the Grimsby Sterlings blank Stoney Creek six to zero, while Winona upset the apple cart by defeating the Grimsby Lions three to one. Fruitland came back with two quick goals in the fading moments to pull even with Beamsville, final score there being three all.

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**LIONS MIDGET LEAGUE**

Saturday being New Year's Day the Midget League will play on Friday this week. Games as follows—  
8.30—Rockets vs. Chiefs.  
9.05—Flyers vs. Bisons.  
9.40—Leafs vs. Red Wings.  
10.15—Canadiens vs. Bruins.  
These will be the last practice games. League games will start next week.

**PEACH QUEENS SCORES**

Crawford	663	659	742-0
St. John	692	808	902-3
Elberta	647	664	652-1
Golden Drop	659	536	725-2
Valiant	897	741	952-2
Ad. Dewey	749	736	1140-1
South Haven	669	682	788-0
Vimy	921	705	800-3
Vedette	728	835	777-3
Veteran	602	772	773-0
John Hall	783	1011	957-3
Rochester	defaulted		
Victory	762	784	928-3
Viceroy	defaulted		

High average—H. Fisher, 196.  
High triple—B. Wilson, 734.  
High single—M. Norton, 336.

**WOODSTOCK WILL PLAY  
KINGS HERE TONIGHT**

Hockey fans in these parts have got pretty used to Friday night being Peach King time, and there has been plenty of criticism of this year's schedule, which certainly did not do well by us. However, with seven teams in the loop, you had to give and take, and although it would appear that the Peach Kings management gave a lot more than it took, still we have to make the best of a rather tangled schedule.

On Thursday night (that's tonight) Woodstock will be here to try and lift themselves out of a near bottom spot in the league standing. Woodstock have just recently started to click, their most recent effort being a thrilling six to four win over Preston. The Woodstockers have only played five games, and according to their prey Gordon Harper, they are going great guns and hope to give the Peach Kings a setback. The Kings meanwhile need every point to bring them up into second position, which they can do by taking Woodstock here on Thursday. Game time is 8.30.

**FRUIT BELT LEAGUE**

Over three hundred people crowded the rails at the arena on Monday night when the Fruit Belt triple header held every Monday swung into an after Christmas session. The larger crowds may be attributed to two things. Either the Fruit Belt brand of hockey is improving, or people are tired of waiting for the stupid schedule to bring some opposition here to play the Peach Kings.

Mount Hope made no mistakes in whipping Binbrook in a free scoring effort as far as the Hopers were concerned. Final score being ten to one.

Matters improved slightly in the second tilt when the Grimsby All-Stars handed Vineland a six to one reverse. The final effort was the best of the bunch when Tom Collin's Winona crew held the Stoney Creek team to a three all draw.

Speaking of Mr. Hockey, Collin informs us that he has picked up five players, one from Vineland, two from Fruitland and two from Bartonville. Tom still sticks to his guns concerning those supposedly ineligible players from Van Wagner's. Says Tom, "They are definitely eligible whether or not the rest of the managers think so or not."

The Fruit Belters go at it again next Monday night. First game starting at seven.

**JUNIOR SCHEDULE**

Simcoe, Dec. 27 — Following is the schedule for O.H.A. Junior C Group 4, comprising Simcoe, Dunnville, Thorold and Grimsby:

Jan. 3: Dunnville at Simcoe; Grimsby at Thorold.

Jan. 6: Thorold at Grimsby.

Jan. 7: Simcoe at Dunnville.

Jan. 10: Grimsby at Simcoe.

Jan. 11: Thorold at Dunnville.

Jan. 13: Simcoe at Grimsby; Dunnville at Thorold.

Jan. 17: Thorold at Simcoe.

Jan. 18: Grimsby at Dunnville.

Jan. 20: Simcoe at Thorold.

Dunnville at Grimsby.

Jan. 24: Dunnville at Simcoe; Grimsby at Thorold.

Jan. 27: Thorold at Grimsby.

Jan. 28: Simcoe at Dunnville.

Jan. 31: Grimsby at Simcoe.

Feb. 1: Thorold at Dunnville.

Feb. 3: Dunnville at Thorold; Simcoe at Grimsby.

Feb. 7: Thorold at Simcoe.

Feb. 8: Grimsby at Dunnville.

Feb. 10: Dunnville at Grimsby; Simcoe at Thorold.

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**PEACH KINGS**

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ATTRACTION NO. 4

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st

**CLOSED NEW YEAR'S EVE**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st

**SKATING**

8 - 10 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd

**FRUIT BELT LEAGUE**

3 GAMES — 25c

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th

SENIOR "B" HOCKEY

**BRANTFORD**

VERSUS

**PEACH KINGS**

8:30 P.M.

ATTRACTION NO. 5

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th

**SKATING**

8 - 10 P.M.



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#### TWO IN-FIELD

asked the people present to stand for one minute in silent tribute to a "grand old municipal official, the late Thos. W. Allan."

Mayor Bull was the first speaker and he said "undoubtedly this will be the last time that I will address the members of the 1948 council. It has been a strenuous year but we got through. At all times I have voiced my opinion with integrity and honesty, as best as I could do. Our sewage disposal plant, while not completely finished and accepted by us, is already attracting interested parties from other centres. I will be in the field for 1949. I am very pleased with this fine turnout tonight. I hope you turn out to the polls the same way."

Councillor Lewis in his remarks stated "I intend to qualify for Mayor before leaving this building tonight. I expect that in the next 10 years our population will be doubled, this will naturally increase our assessment and keep our tax rate within reason. We have had applications for sidewalks and sewers and have done nothing about them. We must plan for the future. We must have a sane businesslike administration."

Price — "I am standing for Reeve."

Constable — "I am standing for Deputy-Reeve."

Both men reviewed the work of the committees during the past year.

Bull — "Hydro is the best Commission in Grimsby. We have had to do with the Hydro money when we were told. We have hope of giving you people a better reet lighting than heretofore. The Commission is making the citizen a lot of money, but we cannot spend it as we would like but we have hopes of getting cheaper power and reducing your lighting bills."

Scott — "The Board of Works has been just a headache. I think it is time that we had a few realists. We have done the best we could. There is work that can be done, but it cannot be done without money. We cannot give you what you ask for unless we spend money. You are asking ordinary laboring men to do the job of a qualified engineer. We have got to be realistic about this whole thing."

The other councillors explained the work that had been accomplished by their committees through-

out the year and all stressed the fact that rising costs, generally, was bound to increase the cost of operating the town.

T. Lloyd Dymond, Chairman of the Board of Education in his review of the year produced some very interesting and informative facts. He said — "We cannot operate Public schools on the same basis as of 25 years ago. We are very shortly going to have to have more classroom space. The same applies to the High school. From 1941 to 1948 the enrolment in the Public schools has increased 37 per cent. The number of pupils in the High school in the same period of time has increased from 137 to 219, an increase of 45 percent. We would like our boys to do shop work and our girls Home Economics. We have been unable to provide these facilities. There is no more important product in the world than the children."

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### EVENTS and TOPICS of the WEEK in TABLOID .....

Happy New Year.

Next Monday is election day. Vote as you please, but vote.

There will be a number of new faces on Lincoln County Council next year.

Chief of Police Wm. James and Constable Henry Davies have received their new uniforms and they look pretty snappy.

For the past two weeks the busiest spot in town, outside the office of The Independent, has been the office of Town Clerk G. G. Bourne. There has been a lot of midnight oil burned in the Municipal building.

Employees of Peninsula Lumber and Supplies received a pleasant surprise and a Christmas gift the first part of last week. They were unloading a car of British Columbia lumber and in the car were several very fine Christmas trees.

Chief of Police Wm. James and his men, and Fire Chief Alf. LePage and his men are very pleased with the quiet nature of the long Christmas weekend and hope that the New Year weekend will be just as quiet and as free from trouble and disaster.

The Editor of The Independent would like to know the name of, and also make the acquaintance, of the gentleman who made the very concise and sensible remarks regarding Livingston avenue at the Monday night nomination meeting. We would be pleased to have him drop into the Sanctum Sanctorum.

Corp. Teddy Hope of the local detachment, Provincial Police, has turned over to The Independent a small Christmas parcel that was found on the shoulder of the east lane of the Queen Elizabeth Way on Christmas Eve, just east of the Maple avenue subway. The Christmas card on the package carries the following names "Marlene" from "Roger, Linda, Jill." The package presumably fell from a passing car. The owner can have same by applying at the business office of The Independent.

## "SIGN OF THE RAM" IS VERY FINE FILM

"The Sign of the Ram," Columbia's film of the best-selling novel by Margaret Ferguson which has, as its leading character, one of the most widely-discussed heroines of fiction, is coming to the Roxy on Monday and Tuesday, January 3rd and 4th. The film marks the return to the screen of Susan Peters in the powerful emotional role of a woman who tries to make a weapon of love. This is a startling departure from the sweet young ingenues which Miss Peters formerly portrayed, and is the type of characterization which issues a challenge to the imagination and real dramatic ability of any actress. Also starred are Alexander Knox, Phyllis Thaxter and Dame May Whitty. The setting of the screen play is Cornwall, England. When Sherida Binyon (Phyllis Thaxter) arrives to be secretary to authoress Leah St. Aubyn (Susan Peters), she senses the unusually strong grip which the lovely Leah holds over her husband (Alexander Knox) and his three children. The family is intensely devoted to Leah, and the latter uses this love to gain her own ends. The story is said to reach its suspenseful climax after Leah breaks up the forthcoming two marriages of two of the children and inspires the youngest to attempt murder.

According to advance reports, the film has its lighter moments. One particularly charming scene is said to take place when Susan Peters sings the popular ballad "I'll Never Say 'I Love You'."

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